

Partnerships Work

The BLM received authority to enter into partnership agreements through Section 307 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976. Partnerships have since become a critical tool to help the BLM implement projects, support research relevant to resource management issues, and manage programs at the level expected by the American people.

Why Partnership?

Working with its partners at the local, state, and national levels, the BLM will ensure the health and productivity of the public lands for current and future generations.

Public Land For

partnering with others to share resources and expertise;

being a valued partner for effective management of lands and resources; enhance visitor experiences through coordinated efforts to improve facilities and services



Recreation Partnerships

Partnerships between federal land management agencies and other entities enhances recreation facilities and services on a shared basis.

Partnerships between agencies and nearby communities provides visitor services.

Innovative facility design and operation enhances public services while reducing operational costs.

Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks



In Montana, BLM and state agencies may work together under the Montana Code Annotated 2005, Titles 2 (Government Structure and Administration) 23 (Parks, Recreation, Sports, and Gambling) and 87 (Fish and Wildlife).

Active Partnerships

The Blackfoot River

The Madison River

The Missouri River

Partnerships on The Blackfoot River

- The Blackfoot Challenge a Community Project
- The Management of Recreation Use on Public Land and Water Resources within the Blackfoot River Corridor: fees, permits and law enforcement

The Blackfoot Challenge: Better Communities Through Cooperation

- The Blackfoot Challenge, in partnership with The Nature Conservancy, is developing the Blackfoot Community Project as a community-based effort to guide the future ownership and management of key lands in the Blackfoot Valley.
- Multi federal, state and community involvement.
- Local Agencies and Government Organizations
- Private Corporations and Foundations
- Non-Profit Partners-Land Trusts, Environmental and Professional Groups
- Schools



The Blackfoot Challenge is a private non-profit organization whose mission is to coordinate efforts to enhance, conserve and protect the natural resources and rural lifestyle of the Blackfoot River Valley for present and future generations.

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2005 Darrall Sall Memorial Award will be presented to the Chutney Foundation at the Partners Tour in June 2007. Through their sustained and generous grants to support the programs of the Blackfoot Challenge, for over a decade, the Chutney Foundation has made a substantial commitment to protecting the natural heritage and rural traditions of the Blackfoot River valley.



BLACKFOOT CHALLENGE

"Better Communities through Cooperation"

Blackfoot Challenge Headquarters:Ovando, Montana

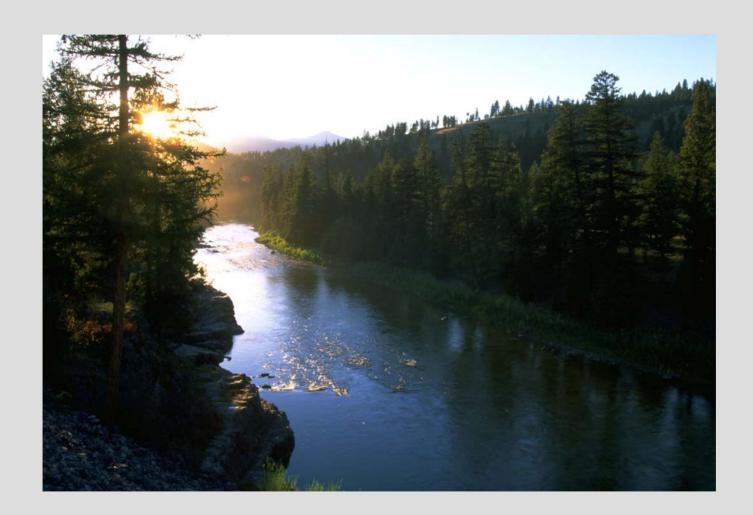
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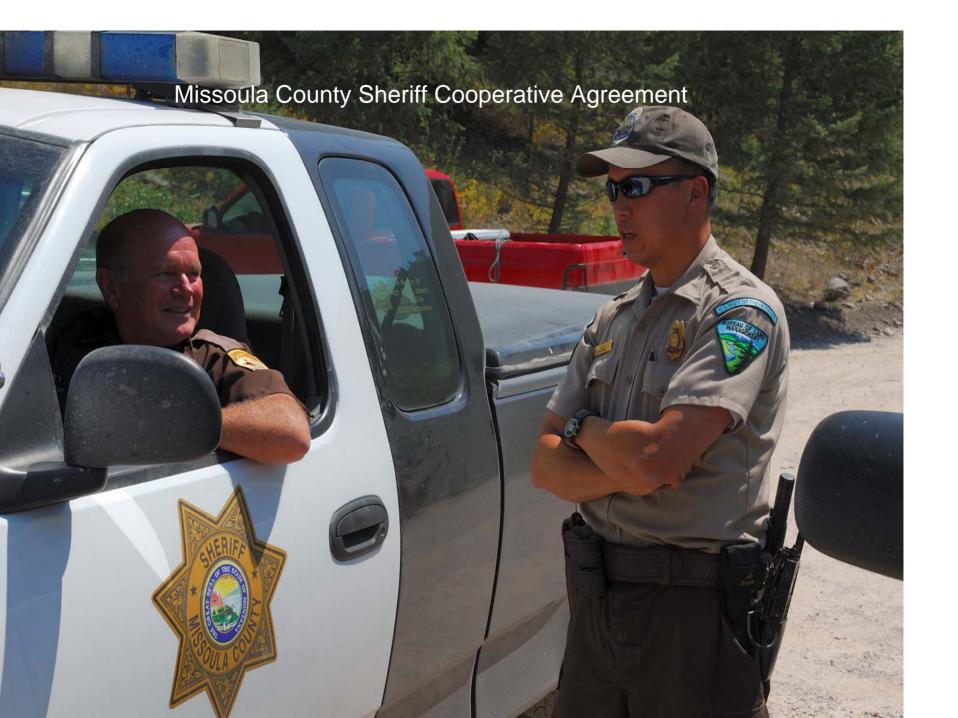
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Cooperative Management Agreement
Between
The Bureau of Land Management
And

The Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks for

The Management of Recreation Use on Public Land and Water Resources within the Blackfoot River Corridor



Objectives

- Ensure balanced, equitable, and efficient management of recreation.
- Ensure that each agency retains on-the-ground visibility.
- Coordinate long term planning efforts consistent with agency directives.
- Ensure resource protection remains a high priority in setting management direction.
- Establish a process for FWP's fee collection, accounting, and expenditure of collected fees from Special Recreation Permits (SRP) and campgrounds along the Blackfoot River.
- A joint policy between the two agencies would allow for better recreation management for public benefit along the river.





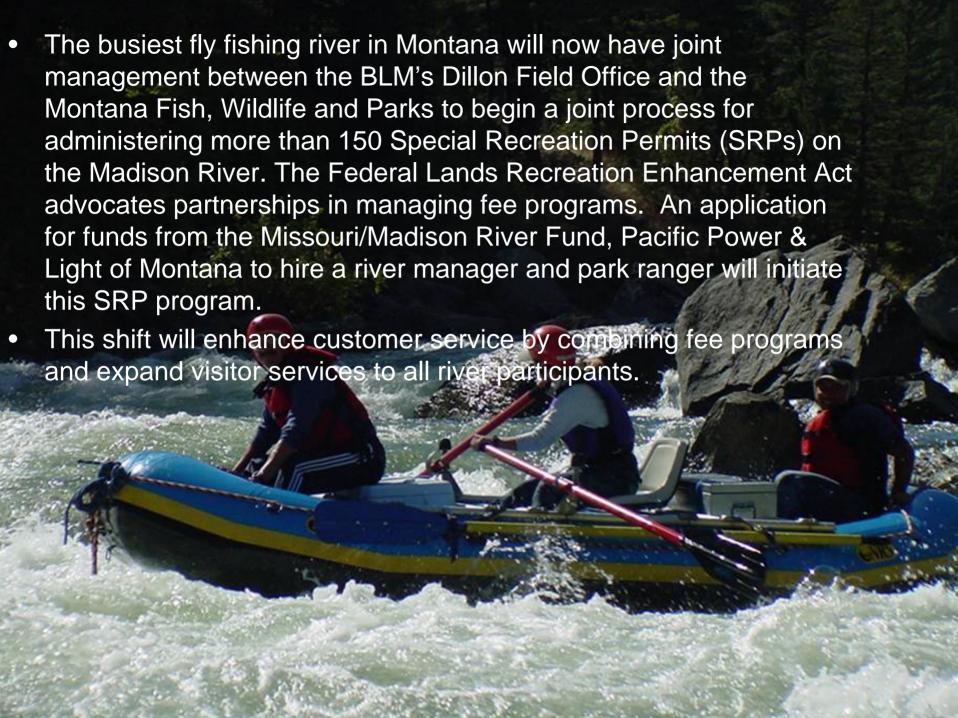
BLM & FWP Management of Commercial Activities Along the Madison





Timeline For Madison River Planning Efforts

- August 2006 Meet with Upper Madison River landowners to discuss monetary contribution for river data collection.
- Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP) and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) staff will prepare application to Missouri/Madison River Trust Fund for funding to create a Special Recreation Permit (SRP) administrator and a seasonal river ranger positions. Application deadline is August 31.
- September 2006 River Fund applications reviewed by Recreation Advisory and Regional Working Groups and forwarded to Trust Fund Board.
- December 2006 FWP adopts final commercial use rules.
- December 2006 Trust Fund Board meets and funds proposals.
 FWP/BLM will learn if SRP program is funded by Jan. 1, 2007.
- Jan. Feb 2007 **If funded** BLM/FWP develop cooperative agreement to participate in SRP program.



Madison River Partnerships



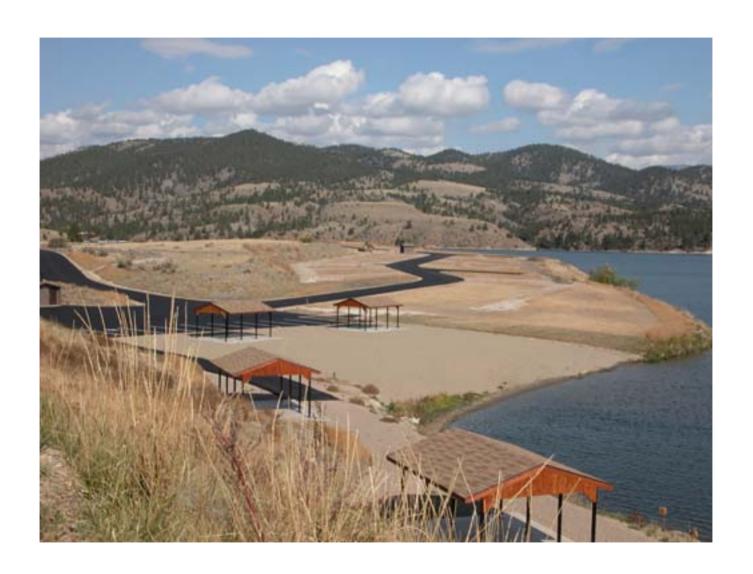








The Management of the Black Sandy, White Sandy and Hauser Dam Recreation Sites on Hauser Lake



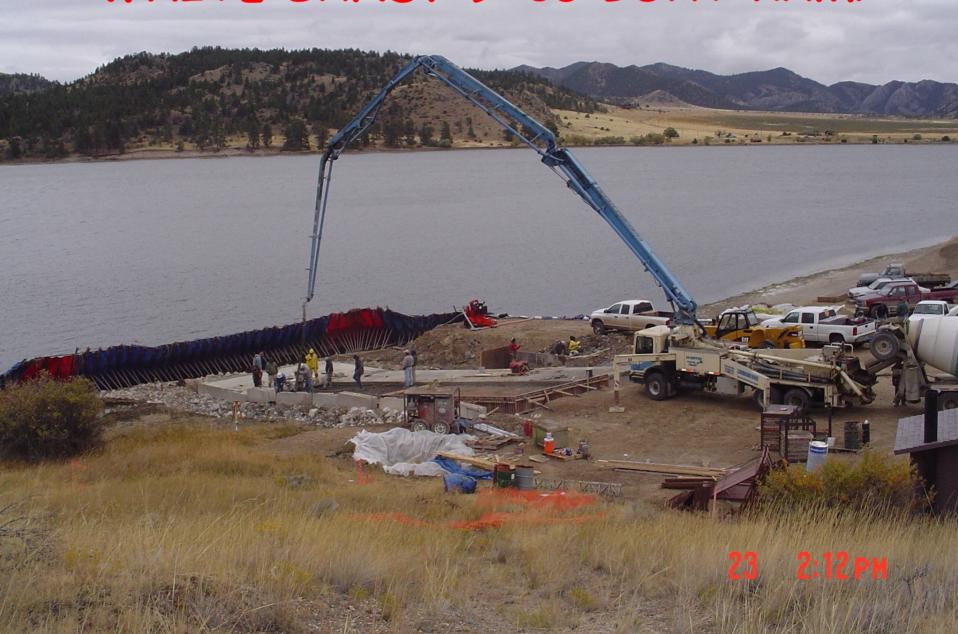
White Sandy

This \$2,000,000 project was cost-shared with Pennsylvania Power and Light of Montana (PPLM) under the FERC Re-license Memorandum of Understanding.

Public amenities include: a 30-unit campground with tables and grills and a day-use boat and parking for 45 vehicles, paved roads and parking lots, fish cleaning station, water and electrical systems, night lights, large swim beach, four picnic shelters, group use ramada, four double concrete toilets, 150 trees, boat docks, information kiosk/pay station, a maintenance garage, and two volunteer RV pads with hook-ups.

PPLM has also donated the 89-acre site and will fund BLM \$50,000/yr for the next 40 years+ for maintenance.

WHITE SANDY 9-05 BOAT RAMP



Black Sandy & White Sandy

- Establish equitable and shared services to promote efficient management of recreation sites on Hauser Lake.
- Collectively manage sites so that visitor opportunities and experiences are enhanced.
- Promote seamless public management by standardizing fees, regulations, signs and other services wherever opportunities allow.
- Ensure that each agency retains on-the-ground visibility.
- Ensure future planning efforts are coordinated in a manner that is consistent with agency directives and best meets the needs of the public.
- Ensure resource protection and public safety remains high priorities in setting management direction.
- Establish a legal framework for transferring funds between agencies for the collective management of these sites by utilizing funds allocated by PPLM.
- Jointly provide for and receive fair value for recreation services and facilities.







Synergy – the bonus that is achieved when things work together harmoniously.

--Mark Twain

Individual commitment to a group effort -- that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work.

--Vince Lombardi